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SUBJECT: SOVIET REPLY ON TTBT TEST DATA EXCHANGE

1. DEPUTY CHIEF OF IO DIVISION OF MFA, ROLAND TIMERBAYEV, CALLED IN EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 9 TO REPLY TO U.S. "NON-PAPERS" OF JUNE 23 AND JULY 20 WHICH SUGGESTED "HYPOTHETICAL" DATA EXCHANGES FOR TEST SITES FOR TTBT. TIMERBAYEV SAID SOVIET "NON-PAPER" WAS DRAWN UP AFTER FULL STUDY OF U.S. IDEAS CONTAINED IN OUR SUBMISSIONS. HE MADE NO FURTHER COMMENTS BUT HAD A SATISFIED "BALL IS IN YOUR COURT" LOOK ON HIS FACE.

2. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF NON-PAPER FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT.

"HAVING EXAMINED THE PROPOSAL OF THE USA FOR THE EXCHANGE OF FACTUAL DATA CONCERNING TEST RANGES, SET OUT IN THE STATEMENTS OF THE AMERICAN SIDE ON JUNE 23 AND JULY 20 OF THIS YEAR, THE SOVIET SIDE CONSIDERS:

--THE ACCURACY OF GEOGRAPHICAL COORDINATES FOR CALIBRATIONS OF TEXT EXPLOSIONS TO ONE MINUTE OF LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE IS SUFFICIENT FOR VERIFYING THE THRESHOLD LEVEL (POROGA MOSHCHNOSTI) BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS;
--THE EXCHANGE OF GEOLOGICAL MAPS, DIAGRAMS AND CROSS-SECTIONS (RAZREZAMI) OF THE TEST RANGES IS NOT NECESSARY FOR VERIFICATION; IN THIS CONNECTION SUCH AN EXCHANGE, BY GENERAL AGREEMENT, WAS NOT PROVIDED FOR BY THE PROTOCOL

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TO THE TREATY (SVYAZI S CHEM TAKOY OBMEN PRI OBSHCHEM

SOGLASII PROTOKOLOM K DOGOVORU NE PREDUSMOTRYON).
--METHODS OF DETERMINING THE GEOPHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS
OF ROCKS ARE GENERALLY ACCEPTED AND THUS IT IS NOT
NECESSARY TO DESCRIBE THEM (I POETOMU NYET NEOBKHODIMOSTI
V IKH OPISANII).

THE SOVIET SIDE HAS NO OBJECTIONS IN REGARD TO THE REMAINING
SPECIFICATIONS (KHARAKTERISTIKI) AND ACCURACY PARAMETERS
(TOCHNOSTNYE PARAMETRY) IN THE DATA PRESENTED. END TEXT.

3. WE ARE POUCHING RUSSIAN TEXT TO EUR/SOV.
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